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REV. J. P. MEALING.

Aged Minister Enters Upon Eternal Rest. More Than Fifty-five Years of Active Service

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

When the ministering angels wafted the soul of the Rev. J. P. Mealing into the presence of the Master early Friday night, we are constrained to believe that he was greeted with the foregoing words which were spoken to the servant who had improved the talents with which he was endowed.

Mr. Mealing was stricken with paralysis Sunday, the 24th of January, and never regained consciousness. He was in his 79th year at the time of his death. This saintly man

Convention of Episcopal Laymen, to be Held in Columbia.

On the 12th, 13th and 14th of Feb. a Missionary Convention for the Laymen of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina will be held at Trinity Church, Columbia.

Bishop A. S. Floyd and John W. Wood, President and Secretary respectively of the General Board of Missions of the Episcopal Church in the United States and the highest authorities on Mission work in the church will have important parts on the program.

Right Rev. Wm. A. Guerry, Bishop of the Diocese, Rev. Robt. W. Patton, Secretary of the Province of Seawee, J. Nelson Frier, B. F. Finney, Southern Field Secretary of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and Walter Hazard will all join in making the Convention an interesting one.

This Convention is the first one of its kind ever held in this State and the Executive Committee is very anxious to give every male Episcopalian an opportunity to share in its benefits. Every Parish in the State has been requested to make a canvass of its members and to enroll them as delegates and there is no doubt but that there will be a large attendance.

The program is to consist of conferences during the day with inspirational meetings at night and a mass meeting on Sunday afternoon. A simple supper will be served Friday evening.

There will be a registration fee of one dollar for every delegate who attends. If this fee can be made to cover the cost of the supper as well as the other expenses, there will be no further charge otherwise. The supper will be a small amount per plate. The registration fee should be mailed in advance to the Treasurer, J. H. Mallory, P. O. Box 504, Columbia, S. C.

The clergy and the delegates will be entertained by the Church people of Columbia.

All inquiries should be addressed to either Edmund R. Heyward, Chairman of the Executive Committee or J. LaBruce Ward, Secretary. The Executive Committee consists of Edmund R. Heyward Chairman, Rev. Walter Mitchell, Vice-Chairman, J. H. Mallory, Treasurer, J. LaBruce Ward, Secretary, L. A. Emerson, Allen Jones, Jr., George B. Reeves, Julius H. Taylor, Jno. T. Seibles, T. T. Moore, Jr., W. Anderson Clarkson, W. A. Thayer, J. N. Spann, C. W. Jacobs, Jr., LeGrand Guerry, A. P. Brown, J. B. Rodgers and J. K. Abrams.

Convention Headquarters have been opened in the Y. M. C. A. Building in Columbia and the Registration Committees are canvassing every male attendant in the local Parishes. Trinity Church has pledged one hundred delegates. Any male attendant of any Episcopal Church in South Carolina may be a delegate upon payment of the Registration fee of one dollar.

Call to Farmers.

A farmers meeting to be held in the Court House at Edgefield, S. C. Monday February 8, 1915 at 11 a. m. All farmers and others interested in agricultural development are requested to be present. The meeting will be open to the public.

All former members of the Farmers Union are especially invited to be present. Address by B. Harris, former president of the State Farmers Union and member of the State Executive Committee. Other speakers will likely attend also. Plans for practical co-operation will be presented.

J. Whitner Reid, Secretary S. C. State Farmers Union.

Honor Roll Lott School.

1st grade: Nolan Salter.
2nd grade: Jasper Derrick, Sadie Franklin, Rubie Jackson, Otis Carpenter, Pearl Franklin, Bessie Yonce, Carrie Ouzts, Maggie Ripley, Earl Carpenter.
4th grade: Ruth McGee, Annie Herin.
7th grade: Lucile Pardue, Montine Pardue, Norie Lee Yonce.
8th grade: Hansie Franklin, Cephas Derrick, Willie Franklin.

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"A Musical Bouquet."

In order to raise funds with which to improve the equipment of the Beaver Dam school Miss Bryan, with the assistance of a number of young people of the town, will give a play in the opera house Friday night, February 5, entitled "A musical bouquet." The following cast of characters, which includes some of the best local talent, indicates that the play will be strongly presented:

Mrs. Elder Blossom, Mrs. Luke May.

Mrs. John Quill Blossom, Miss A. D. Bryan.

Lily Blossom, Miss Mamie Sill.

Rose Blossom, Miss Sunie Talbert.

Pansy Blossom, Miss Irene Parker.

Daisy Blossom, Miss Emily Tompkins.

Violet Blossom, Miss Marjorie Tompkins.

Myrtle Blossom and Ivy Blossom, twins, Miss Gladys Chappell and Miss Willie Mae Hart.

Juniper (colored) Mr. Luke May.

Messenger boy, Mr. Bennie Parker.

Musical director, Miss Bessie Parker.

Coroner to be Appointed

The editor of The Advertiser called at the office of Senator B. E. Nicholson Monday morning in order to glean from him certain facts in connection with the work of the legislature. We found Mr. Nicholson up to his ears in work, disposing of many matters that have accumulated in his office during his absence. Being asked as to how the office of coroner will be filled, Mr. Nicholson replied that he will call the attention of Governor Manning to the vacancy early this week and that in his opinion the governor will fill the place by appointment as provided by law, rather than order an election. There are seven applicants for the place, as follows: W. S. Covar, J. T. McManus, T. C. Strom, T. E. Byrd, R. M. Johnson, C. R. Holmes and J. R. Blackwell. Mr. Nicholson stated that the names of the magistrates will be presented to Governor Manning some time during the week and he will probably send them at once to the senate for confirmation.

Election Figures.

The election which was held last Thursday to fill the vacancy in the house of representatives caused by the death of Hon. J. P. DeLaughter was devoid of interest in some sections, the entire vote for the county being less than half the total number of votes cast in the primary last summer. The election commissioners met Saturday and officially declared the result, as follows: J. L. Walker, 450; M. P. Wells, 326; S. McG. Simkins, 76; and O. P. Bright, 66. Mr. Walker went to Columbia Tuesday and took the oath as the duly elected successor of Mr. DeLaughter. Mr. Walker is one of the leading business men of Johnston and will make a valuable member of the house of representatives.

Killed by Falling Tree.

Hugh Byrd was killed on his farm in the Gilgal section by a falling tree. Having some woodland that he desired to cultivate, he invited his neighbors to assist in felling the trees. He had just cut one tree and while watching it fall another tree that was cut near him fell across his body. He lived about four hours. Mr. Byrd was a member of a large and representative family, being a son of Mr. S. D. Byrd. His tragic death was a great blow to his loved ones and friends. Mr. Byrd was in his 23rd year. The funeral took place Thursday at Gilgal church, of which church he was a member. Rev. P. B. Lanham conducted the funeral.

Honor Roll Mt. Zion School

First grade: Mildred Pardue, J. C. Smith.
Second grade: Brontis Padgett, W. A. Pardue.
Third grade: Retha Padgett, Corrie and Maggie Ruth Smith.
Fifth grade: Sammie Carpenter.
Eighth grade: Addie Belle Franklin, Lillie Mae Padgett.
Ninth grade: Marie Padgett.

Pleasant Lane News.

The entire community was horrified to learn of the sudden death of Mr. Hugh Byrd, Thursday night. While out cutting with a crowd of men Thursday afternoon a tree fell on him, crushing his entire side. He lived about four hours. He was buried at Gilgal cemetery Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, Rev. P. B. Lanham preaching the funeral. Six of his first cousins acted as pallbearers. Mr. Byrd was liked by all who knew him and was known to be one of the most business young men in the community. His mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Sumter Byrd and brothers and sisters have our deepest sympathy in this trying hour.

Miss Jennie Briggs is in Grove-town spending several weeks with relatives.

Mr. F. P. Walker, Sr., is very ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Watson. We hope he will soon be well again.

Hon. S. T. Williams spent the week-end at home, returning to Columbia Monday afternoon.

Company F, Attention!

Our company will be inspected February 8, and 48 men must be in ranks. On this inspection will depend our position in the National Guard of South Carolina, our summer encampment, our chance of a trip to the Panama Exposition. All members and prospective members of the company must attend the following meetings at 7:30 p. m., Friday and Saturday, January 29 and 30, Tuesday February 2, Thursday February 4, and Saturday February 6.

Men, it is up to you. Shall we have a good company or be mustered out? Three commissioned officers can't make a company.

Willis J. Duncan, Capt. January 25, 1915.

An Appeal to Reason.

Prohibition will be entirely effective in any state when all the people have been educated to avoid the poisonous alcoholic beverages as they would other forms of poison. The teaching of this in the schools will go far toward making the boys who are growing up sober men. Let there can be great aid furnished by laws prohibiting and preventing the sale of alcoholic liquors to the people. If a boy can grow up away from drink and drinking companions he will, of course, be a sober man. We believe in an appeal to reason.

A story was published some years ago, in which it was told how a man tried to get rid of the crows which were pulling up his young corn, by feeding them corn which had been soaked in whiskey, and of how they became drunk and helpless, hence were easily killed. One who read the story doubted its truth, and to test it, fed bread crumbs soaked in whiskey to some English sparrows, but they could not be induced to eat it. Then he got a crow and kept it in custody until it was very hungry. Still it could not be induced to taste the whiskey soaked grain, but would eat hungrily that which had not been doped. Wise bird! Solomon said, "In vain is the net set in the sight of any bird." But although man is supposed to be the wisest of all creation, he walks deliberately into the net of intemperance to the number of 80,000 a year in the United States. Although a starving bird was too wise to eat whiskey-soaked food, still men and women drown out all manhood and womanhood in strong drink.—Anderson Intelligencer.

Keep it Handy For Rheumatism.

No use to squirm and wince and try to wear out your Rheumatism. It will wear you out instead. Apply some Sloan's Liniment. Need not rub it in—just let it penetrate all through the affected parts, relieve the soreness and draw the pain. You get ease at once and feel so much better you want to get right out and tell other sufferers about Sloan's. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25 cents of any druggist and have it in the house—against Colds, Sore and Swollen Joints, Lumbago, Sciatica and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief. Buy a bottle to-day.

Mr. Walker Grateful for Generous Support.

I wish to express my deep appreciation to my friends and to the citizens of Edgefield county generally for the magnificent vote they gave me on January the 28th as a candidate for the house of representatives to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Hon. J. P. DeLaughter.

While I have never engaged in the bustle of political life, I have been alive to the interest of our people, and it will be my pleasure and sincere effort in the new position to which you have elevated me to serve the best interest of all our people and to oppose all that tends to lawlessness and the lowering of public morals.

I cannot close without an especial word of thanks to my home people who supported me so loyally and gave me such a splendid vote. I assure you one and all that I deeply appreciate this expression of your confidence and esteem and shall do all in my power to measure up to your expectation.

J. L. Walker.

Johnston, S. C.

Richly Deserved Promotion.)

Some people are inclined to think that there is nothing in Edgefield for a young man to do—no opening, no future for him here. A young man who is energetic and ambitious can make a way for himself by seizing and improving the opportunities as they come his way. About five years ago our young friend R. M. Scurry the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Scurry, entered the employment of the Beaver Dam mill, performing the most menial duties, for which he received 50 cents per day. He was faithful in the small things and was gradually promoted from place to place, each time receiving increased compensation. To-day he is the superintendent of the oil mill and receives \$100 per month. At the time young Mr. Scurry began on 50 cents per day, doubtless there were young men standing around the streets with trousers rolled half way up to the knees and with their hair parted in the middle who said "There is nothing in Edgefield for me to do." They kept on loafing and probably are out of a job to-day, while Mr. Scurry is drawing his \$100 per month. The best part of it, he is only half way up the ladder. If he makes the progress during the next five years that he has made in the past five, a \$200-per-month job will be hurting him, and it will find him too. The young man who proves faithful in small things and makes good in large ones will not have to look for a job. The job seeks him. We extend hearty congratulations to our young friend. May his success stimulate and encourage other young men!

Appeal From Mr. L. G. Watson For Observance of Day of Prayer.

To pastors and superintendents of Sunday schools.

The county association has set apart next Sunday, February 7, as a special day of prayer and giving.

Let every school have a special prayer service asking divine guidance and blessing for the coming year and may this be the most prosperous year with every school.

Now as to giving. The state association is badly in need of funds, Edgefield county is pledged \$50. So far we have paid only \$25. With a small contribution from each school we can raise that amount and no school be hurt. Let's all do our part and not hinder the state work by failing to pay our pledge.

Trusting some one will take the lead and present the matter to every school and forward me the collection and hoping this to be the banner year with every school.

Very sincerely,

L. G. Watson,

Trenton, S. C.

Rev. G. D. Herman.

Make up your mind to give August 1-15, 1915 to the meeting in the Methodist church. Rev. G. D. Herman is to preach. He is an able preacher. Be here and attend. Get everything out of the way. Save yourself and other. Pray, work, come.

JOHNSTON LETTER.

Reciprocity Day to be Observed. "Red and Blue" Committees at Work. Death of Mrs. Yonce.

Beginning with Sunday evening February 7, at the Baptist church, the music will be made a special feature, the choir being under the direction of Mr. F. M. Boyd, a musician of much talent. The orchestra which has been playing in the Sunday school will also play at evening service. The program arranged for this service is organ prelude; flute solo, with piano accompaniment, Mr. F. M. Boyd; anthem, "If He should come to-day"; vocal solo, Mrs. F. M. Boyd; offertory; vocal duet, Mrs. L. C. Latimer and Miss Clara Sawyer; scripture and an address, Dr. A. T. King; vocal solo, Mrs. James White; anthem, "Crossing the bar"; postlude.

The union meeting at Mt. Pleasant was attended by several from here and on Sunday, Dr. A. T. King preached the missionary sermon.

Reciprocity Day will be observed by the members of the New Century club on the afternoon of Tuesday February 9, and at this time the members will entertain their friends in the home of Mrs. E. R. Mobley. It has been the custom of the club at this occasion to always serve a two course repast but the funds which have always been contributed by the members for this, have been voted to be sent to the Belgian relief fund, and only light refreshments served.

Mrs. J. A. Dobey who was so critically suffering with erysipelas is now out of danger. Her condition was a source of much distress to her many friends.

Mrs. Brunson of Augusta has been spending the past two weeks here in the home of her brother, Dr. J. A. Dobey.

Miss Gladys Sawyer has gone to Statesboro, Ga., to be the guest of friends.

Mrs. H. W. Crouch entertained a few friends recently with a spend-the-day party and the time was happily spent for the hostess is an adept in entertaining.

Mrs. Earl Crouch has gone to Mullins, to spend two weeks in the home of her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Smith.

Miss Pet LaGrone is at home from a visit to Rock Hill.

Miss Agnes Flythe of Augusta is the guest of Miss Emma Bouknight.

Miss Bertha Woodward is at home from a two week's visit in Augusta.

Miss Ruth Smith after a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. B. Ouzts, has returned to Tenille, Ga.

Miss Margaret Dora, T. N., of Augusta spent the week end with Mrs. M. T. Turner.

Mrs. Thomas Willis of Williston spent last week here in the home of her father, Mr. John Sawyer. Upon her return home she was accompanied by her sister Miss Clara Sawyer.

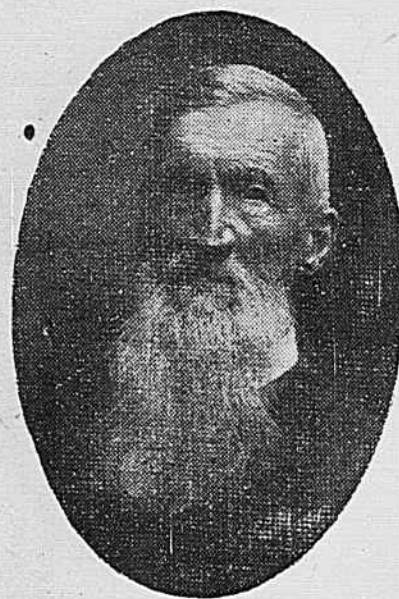
Mr. Staunton Lott who has been confined to his bed for the past two weeks from injuries sustained while playing basket ball at the university is now much improved.

The "Red and blue" committees of six each, who have been canvassing for the chairs for the school auditorium are meeting with much success and ere long the much desired seats will be placed. A number have subscribed for more than one chair.

Miss Luella Norris entertained the Kill Kare Klub on Wednesday and the afternoon was one of much enjoyment for the hostess had arranged much that was conducive to pleasure. Progressive games were played and the prize was cut for by Miss Julia Omohundro, of Richmond, and Agnes Flythe of Augusta, the latter winning the embroidery bag. Later a sweet course was served in which the colors, yellow and green were attractively carried out. Mrs. M. R. Wright and Miss Sara Norris assisted the hostess.

Several mission study classes have been formed in the woman's mission society of the Baptist church and also a class of the Y. W. A., a number of the girls joining. The

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of God, whom to know was to love, had a remarkable career. Not only was he engaged in active service as a Baptist pastor for 55 years but all of his ministrations were among the people of his own community and county. And while Mr. Mealing was a man of strong convictions and always unwavering in the discharge of duty, yet he was honored and beloved by all who knew him. He declared the whole counsel of God but always did it in love, therefore seldom giving offense. In the early years of his ministry he served churches located at a considerable distance from his home, making the journey on horseback. It was his chief desire and purpose to be faithful to his God and to be of service to his fellow man, laboring as faithfully for the small, weak churches as for those that were large and strong. The small amount which he received from time to time from the country churches was supplemented by returns from his valuable farm, upon which he resided in the Carryton section. He was eminently practical, his sound judgment and wise counsel being sought in the conventions and general gatherings of the denomination.

The influence of the life of this consecrated servant of God is a valuable asset of the county. Forces which were put in operation by him will continue to uplift and bless humanity throughout eternity. His memory will live long in the hearts of the people among whom he labored so unselfishly.

The funeral was conducted at Republican church Sunday afternoon, the Rev. J. T. Littlejohn officiating. The floral tributes were numerous and exceedingly beautiful, being silent expressions of love from those who gathered to do him honor.

Mr. Mealing is survived by two sons, Dr. W. E. Mealing and John P. Mealing, and one daughter, Miss Susie Mealing.

Rev. J. P. Mealing has been a subscriber for The Advertiser for the past 60 years. For some time he has been receiving the paper gratis, being sent with the compliments of the editor on account of his long years of loyal patronage. And hereafter we shall ask the privilege of sending it to his daughter, Miss Susie Mealing, in honor of her saintly father and in order to continue unbroken the tie that has existed so long.

In case your machine fails to go phone the Edgefield Auto Repair Shop, phone 19 L. Mr. Cobb will move it.

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